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REMARKS

Applicants have submitted this Request for Continued Examination so that the Examiner

may consider the alternate claims as modified herein. Applicants have modified the claims to

highlight the distinctions between the present invention and the prior art.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the

Examiner under 35 USC sections 102 and 103. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art

references of record, whether considered alone or in combination fail to either teach or suggest the

subject matter of the claims as now modified. More specifically, by this amendment, Applicants

have modified each of the independent claims to additionally require: circuitry for limiting a

current value difference to less than 10% for ejecting elements when no ejection variation is

intended.

Applicants submit that neither the Eguchi reference nor any of the remaining references or

record provides any teaching or suggestion regarding the incorporation of circuitry for limiting a

current value difference when no ejection variation is intended. Applicants submit that it is only

Applicants instant disclosure which describes this feature that advantageously eliminates undesired

lines from being formed in a printed image as a result of resistance variations in the ink ejecting
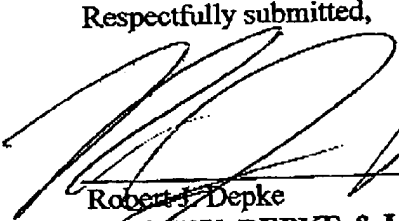
elements.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now stand in

condition for allowance.

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In the event that it is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge

any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

Respectfully submitted,

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